NORTHERN KANE Educational Corp.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS AND PETITIONS TO THE BOARD

Members of the public and NKEC employees may comment at each regular and special open meeting, subject to reasonable restrictions.

Any individual presenting public comment before the Board is expected to comply with the following guidelines:

1. Public participation may be in-person or via email. If submitting via email, the individual addressing the NKEC Board must be a parent or guardian of a student at Cambridge Lakes Learning Center. If submitting via email, follow the procedures located on the school website. Your statement will be read by the Board Chair or designee.

2. If an individual is presenting in-person public comment, sign-in before the beginning of the open session of the meeting and include your name and a brief description of the topic you wish to address.

3. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and recognized by the Board Chair.

4. When addressing the Board, state your full name and limit your comments to 3 minutes. In rare and unusual circumstances, the Board Chair may, in his/her discretion, allow someone to speak longer than the allotted 3 minutes if that individual has given advance notice for the need to speak for a longer period of time.

5. The Board Chair may shorten the public comment portion or restrict the number of speakers at the meeting to maintain effectiveness and conserve time. The NKEC Board reserves the right to limit the number of speakers making duplicative comments and addressing the Board regarding the same topic at one meeting.

6. The Board Chair shall have the ability to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in this policy in order to maintain effective meetings.

7. Each individual addressing the Board shall conduct him or herself with respect and civility towards others and otherwise abide by Board policies.

8. A participant must be 18 years of age or have a parent/legal guardian present to address the Board.

9. This policy will be reviewed annually to align to meet the needs of the NKEC Board and community.

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Legal References: The Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.
The School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.